GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – PRED – Allegations of irregularities in execution of Dupadu Project (Water Supply Scheme) in Prakasam District - Disciplinary proceedings initiated against Sri L. Krishna Murthy, the then Executive Engineer, RWS Sub-Division, Yerragondapalem-II, Prakasam District now retired as I/c Executive Engineer (PR) – Inquiry conducted – Charges held proved - Imposition of penalty of 13% cut in pension for a period of (2) years – Orders – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 429 **Dated: 03-08-2021**
Read the following:-

1) G.A(V&E)Dept., Vigilance Report No.165 (783/V&E/E1/03),Dt:09-11-2005.
2) Govt.Memo.No.951/Vig-I(A)/2006-3 PR&RD(Vig-I)Dept.,Dt:21-4-2006.
3) G.O.Rt.No.833, PR&RD(Vig-I(A)Dept.,Dt:02-06-2011.
4) G.O.Rt.No.834, PR&RD(Vig-I(A)Dept.,Dt:02-06-2011.
5) G.O.Rt.No.358, PR&RD(Vig-I(A)Dept.,Dt:02-03-2012.
6) From the Commissioner of Inquiries, GAD, D.O.Lr.No.176/COI-J/A2/2011, dt:11-05-2012.
7) Govt.Memo.No.951/Vig.IA/2006-25 PR&RD(Vig-IA)Dept., Dt:24-01-2013.
8) Explanation submitted by Sri L. Krishna Murthy, the then DEE, RWS SD. Y.Palem-II Dt:28.03.2013.
9) From Engineer-in-Chief, RWS&S, Vijayawada Letter No.Vig(3)/ RWS&S/4332/2006 Dt:08-12-2017.
10) Govt.Memo.No.951/Vig.II/2006-47, Dt:03.03.2021.
11) Representation from Sri L. Krishna Murthy, the then DEE, RWS SD Y.Palem-II Dt:23-3-2021.
12) Govt.Letter No.951/Vig.II/A1/2006-48, Dt:07.06.2021.
13) From the Secretary, APPSC, Vijayawada Lr.No.291/DC&C/2021,dt:09.07.2021.

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ORDER:

In the reference 2nd read above, the following charges were framed against Sri L. Krishna Murthy, the then DEE, RWS Sub-Division, Y.Palem-II, Prakasam District now retired as I/c Executive Engineer (PR) under Rule 20 of A.P. Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991, on allegations of irregularities in execution of Dupadu Project (Water Supply Scheme) in Prakasam District.

Charge-1:- That Sri L. Krishna Murthy, the then DEE, RWS Sub-Division, Yerragondapalem-II, Prakasam District (presently EE, RWS Division, Palasa in Srikakulam Dist.) has committed irregularities in execution of providing CPWS Scheme to 48/55 habitations in Yerragondapalem, Dornala areas of Prakasam District (Dupadu Project (Water Supply Scheme), Prakasam Dist., by check measuring misclassification of soils/rock and also caused an excess payment which leads loss to the State Exchequer and also frequent and recurring damages to delivery pipe line causing frequent disruption in supply of drinking water.

Charge-2 :- That Sri L. Krishna Murthy, the then DEE, RWS Sub-Division, Yerragondapalem-II, Prakasam District (presently EE, RWS Division, Palasa in Srikakulam Dist.) has committed irregularities in execution of Providing CPWS Scheme to 48/55 habitations in Yerragondapalem, Dornala areas of Prakasam Dist., (Dupadu Project (Water Supply Scheme), Prakasam Dist., by check measuring the less thickness in sand cushion & sand encasement and recommended excess payment which caused loss to the State Exchequer.

Charge-3: That Sri L. Krishna Murthy, the then DEE, RWS Sub-Division, Yerragondapalem-II, Prakasam District (presently EE, RWS Division, Palasa in Srikakulam Dist.) has committed irregularities in execution of Providing CPWS Scheme to 48/55 habitations in Yerragondapalem, Dornala areas of Prakasam Dist.,(Dupadu Project (Water Supply Scheme),Prakasam Dist., has not effecting the seignorage charges & sales tax on sand while sending bills for payment.

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2. The Charged Officer has not submitted his written statement of defence and hence, the case was entrusted to General Administration (COI) Department, for conducting detailed inquiry. Accordingly, in the reference 4th read above, orders were issued appointing Dr. Subhrendu Bhatacharya, IAS., Member, Commissioner of Inquiries, General Administration (COI) Department as Inquiry Authority to inquire into the charges framed against Sri L. Krishna Murthy, the then DEE, RWS Sub-Division, Yerragondapalem-II, Prakasam District along with (7) others. Subsequently, modification orders have been issued in the G.O 5th read above, appointing Sri Jitender, COI, GAD as Inquiry Officer in place of Dr. Subhrendu Bhattacharya, IAS., COI (Retd).

3. In the reference 6th read above, the Inquiry Officer has submitted his inquiry report in respect of Sri L. Krishna Murthy, the then DEE, RWS Sub-Division, Y.Palem-II, Prakasam District now retired as I/c Executive Engineer (PR) along with (7) others and made findings that the charge-1, 2 & 3 are held proved against the Charged Officer. Government, after examining the said enquiry report have communicated a copy of inquiry report to the Charged Officer and directed to submit his representation on the enquiry report vide reference 7th read above.

4. In the reference 8th read above, Sri L. Krishna Murthy, the then DEE, RWS Sub-Division, Y.Palem-II, Prakasam District now retired as I/c Executive Engineer (PR) has submitted his explanation on the findings of the Inquiry Report, in which he has reiterated his earlier contention as submitted before the Inquiring Authority.

5. Government after examining the matter and the explanation submitted by the Charged Officer, keeping in view of findings of Inquiring Authority, provisionally decided to impose penalty of 13% cut in pension for a period of (2) years under Rule 9 of AP Revised Pension Rules, 1980 against Sri L. Krishna Murthy, the then DEE, RWS Sub-Division, Y.Palem-II, Prakasam District now retired as I/c Executive Engineer (PR) and issued show-cause notice on him on the above proposed penalty vide reference 10th read above. The individual in the reference 11th read above has submitted his representation in which he did not submit any new grounds than those what he has submitted earlier. Therefore, it is decided to confirm the provisional decision of imposing 13% cut in pension for a period of (2) years and sought the concurrence of APPSC on the said proposed penalty vide reference 12th read above. The APPSC vide reference 13th read above have concurred with the proposal of the Government.

6. Accordingly, Government, hereby order to impose the penalty of 13% cut in pension for a period of (2) years under Rule 9 of AP Revised Pension Rules, 1980, against Sri L. Krishna Murthy, the then DEE, RWS Sub-Division, Y.Palem-II, Prakasam District now retired as I/c Executive Engineer (PR).

7. The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj/Engineer-in-Chief, RWS&S, Vijayawada shall take necessary further action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

GOPAL KRISHNA DWIVEDI,
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To
Sri L. Krishna Murthy, the then DEE, RWS Sub-Division, Y.Palem-II, Prakasam District now retired as I/c Executive Engineer (PR) (through ENC, PR, Vijayawada)
The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Vijayawada (in duplicate with a request to obtain and furnish the dated acknowledgment of the orders)
Copy to:
The General Administration(V&E)Department(w.r.t.VRNo.165(783/ V&E/E1/03)
The Engineer-in-Chief, RWS&S, Gollapudi, Vijayawada.
The Secretary, APVC, Secretariat Building-5, Velagapudi.
The Secretary, APPSC, New Government Offices Building, 2nd Floor, MG, Road(Bandhar Road) Opp:Indira Gandhi Municipal Complex, Vijayawada.
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SECTION OFFICER